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A climate law like the Zero Carbon Act is important because...	<p>We need to make serious in-roads to handling climate change. Reducing carbon emissions is just one of the many things that need to happen urgently before we damage our environment further.</p> <p>Progress so far from NZ has been shameful given how we bill ourselves as clean & green, then watch other countries enact more effective and ambitious policy.</p>
Long-term target	<p>I support the most ambitious target of reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. I also support taking a science-based approach to ensure our efforts to reduce emissions are as impactful as possible: we should aim for negative levels of long-lived gases, while reducing short-lived gases to sustainable levels. This target should be reached by reducing our own emissions and not by using international carbon credits.</p>
Climate Commission	<p>I support the establishment of an independent Climate Commission that is made up of experts and provides advice, but does not make final decisions.</p>
Adaptation	<p>I support a plan for adaptation being included in the Zero Carbon Act.</p>
Climate justice	<p>A Zero Carbon Act must be just and fair in that it honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi; ensures a just transition for workers and communities; and avoids passing on the costs to future generations.</p>
Further comments	<p>It's 2018, we've known about Climate Change for over 20 years now, time is passing quicker than ever, and reactions seem to be slower than ever with everyone assuming we will just 'figure it out'. Meaningful policy, change and goals need to be enacted now instead of waiting on someone else.</p>